

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MONTANA
MISSOULA DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

vs.

DAVID RAYMOND SMITH,

Defendant.

CR 21–1–M–DLC

ORDER

Before the Court is United States Magistrate Judge Kathleen L. DeSoto’s Findings & Recommendation Concerning Plea. (Doc. 38.) Because neither party objected, they are not entitled to *de novo* review. 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1); *United States v. Reyna-Tapia*, 328 F.3d 1114, 1121 (9th Cir. 2003). Therefore, the Court reviews the Findings and Recommendation for clear error. *McDonnell Douglas Corp. v. Commodore Bus. Mach., Inc.*, 656 F.2d 1309, 1313 (9th Cir. 1981). Clear error exists if the Court is left with a “definite and firm conviction that a mistake has been committed.” *United States v. Syrax*, 235 F.3d 422, 427 (9th Cir. 2000).

David Raymond Smith is charged with one count of false statements on a financial statement to a bank, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1014 (Count I), one count of bank fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1344 (Count II), and one count of wire fraud, in violation of 18 U.S.C. § 1343 (Count III). (Doc. 20.) Judge DeSoto recommends that this Court accept Mr. Smith’s guilty plea as to Count I after he

appeared before her pursuant to Federal Rule of Criminal Procedure 11. The Court finds no clear error in Judge DeSoto's Findings and Recommendation and adopts them in full, including the recommendation to defer acceptance of the Plea Agreement until sentencing when the Court will have reviewed the Plea Agreement and Presentence Investigation Report.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that Judge DeSoto's Findings and Recommendation (Doc. 38) is ADOPTED in full.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Smith's motion to change plea (Doc. 31) is GRANTED.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Smith is adjudged guilty as charged in Count I of the Superseding Indictment.

DATED this 6th day of December, 2021.



Dana L. Christensen, District Judge
United States District Court